

In the Specification:

Kindly amend the text as shown at page 5, first paragraph:

Another exemplary embodiment of this invention, which allows for a continuous production of beverage containers is by covering ~~thye~~ the punched holes by extrusion lamination of two layers of polyethylene, one is a molten adherence layer and the other a solid outer layer. The adherence layer is heated up to a high temperature, which in the material turns into liquid and is then spread uniformly on to the sheet, thereby occluding the entire surface of the front side web. The solid outer layer is placed onto the adherence layer during the production process, using the adherence layer as an adhesive in order to stick the web together. The width of both of the layers together is preferably about 60 microns, thus the width of the entire sealant layer ends up having a thickness similar to that of the finished flexible web material known in the prior art.

Kindly amend the text as shown at page 7, line 14:

FIG. 4 shows a section along the line [IV-IV] 4-4 in FIG. 3;

Kindly amend the text as shown at page 9, line 8:

As can be seen from FIG.2 the front side sheeting web 11 is fed to the punching unit ~~10~~ (not shown) for making the piercing holes 13 correspondingly in intermittent manner. According to the number of containers to be produced a suitable number of holes 13 are made and an identical number of closure sheeting webs 12 are fed from the supply rolls 14 in conveying direction, and run parallel to the front side sheeting web. Then a molten layer is applied in a coating of substantially uniform thickness along the entire surface of the sealant layer

with which the front side web 11 is already coated. The coated web 11 is then cut into separate sheeting webs 16 and fed together with back side sheeting webs 18, which are folded and welded into a pouch according to known methods.

Kindly amend the text as shown at page 12, first paragraph:

FIG. 7 shows a schematic representation of the front side web sheet, in which the punching spot as indicated by dot 31 is weakened by scoring, by with a laser, a mark 32 on one side of the front side web, thereby affecting the sealant layer on the other side of the web 33 and ~~weakening what~~ weakening what will be the pouch wall at the center of the dot 31.

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